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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRITISH AEROSPACE (BAE)

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH WARRINGTON (UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF AIR DIVISION, DEPT. OF INDUSTRY) MARCH 29. HE SAID VESTING DAY FOR NATIONALIZED AEROSPACE INDUSTRY WILL BE APRIL 29. NAME OF NEW STATE INDUSTRY WILL BE BRITISH AEROSPACE. INITIALS "BAE" WILL BE USED TO DIFFERENTIATE FROM OLD BAC (BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION) AND BA (BRITISH AIRWAYS). BAE BOARD IS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT FEW DAYS; ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION PROVIDED BY UK GOVERNMENT IS 250 MILLION POUNDS (ABOUT 437 MILLION DOLLARS).

2. HAWKER-SIDDELEY HS-146 AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT (LONDON 1453) HAS BEEN THOUGHT TO BE MOST LIKELY FIRST PROJECT FOR BAE TO UNDERTAKE. WARRINGTON SAID DECISION LIKELY BY JUNE OR MID-JULY AT LATEST. SOME DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER

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OR NOT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF HS-146 COULD BE SOLD TO MAKE PROJECT PROFITABLE HAVE APPARENTLY ARISEN. ALSO, IF PROJECT IS GIVEN GO-AHEAD, ROLLS ROYCE NOW SEEMS TO BE MAKING STRONG BID TO HAVE ITS DE-RATED M-45 ENGINE USED IN PLACE OF AMERICAN AVCO/LYCOMING ALF-502 WHICH STILL, HOWEVER, IS UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. WHICHEVER ENGINE IS CHOSEN, WARRINGTON IMPLIED ROLLS WILL NEED

TO HAVE AT LEAST A SHARE OF THE PRODUCTION.

3. MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY GERALD KAUFMAN (MP), ACCOMPANIED BY WARRINGTON, WILL VISIT US ARRIVING NEW YORK APRIL 7 FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. WARRINGTON SAID MAJOR PURPOSE OF VISIT CENTERED ON KAUFMAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES OUTSIDE AVIATION; VISIT WITH IBM HEADQUARTERS WAS MENTIONED. DURING NEW YORK STAY, KAUFMAN IS ALSO EXPECTED TO DISCUSS CONCORDE SITUATION WITH UK CONSUL GENERAL AT NEW YORK. HE WILL GIVE SPEECH IN ST. LOUIS WHILE VISITING MCDONNELL/DOUGLAS OFFICES THERE.

4. WARRINGTON TOLD US HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR MICRO WAVE LANDING SYSTEM IN DEPT. OF INDUSTRY. HE WAS NOT INFORMED OF RECENT DECISION IN ICAO ALL WEATHER WORKING PARTY (AWOP) TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF US TRSB SYSTEM AND DID NOT SEEM VERY WELL BRIEFED ON MLS PROJECT IN GENERAL. WHILE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF MLS STATUS MAY SIMPLY MEAN WARRINGTON HAS NOT HAD CHANCE TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE ISSUES, IT COULD ALSO MEAN DEPT. OF INDUSTRY NOT VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PROJECT FROM INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND SALES VIEWPOINT.

5. THE ROLLS ROYCE/PRATT AND WHITNEY COLLABORATION ON THE JT-10-D ENGINE DEVELOPMENT STILL HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED WARRINGTON NOTED (SEE LONDON 14602 (10/13/76) AND DEPT. 263182 (10/23/76)). WHILE UK AND US GOVERNMENTS HAVE COMPLETED COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS, IT APPEARS THAT P&W HAVE BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET AND HAVE NOT YET COME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AGREEMENT WITH ROLLS. DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON STATUS OF THIS PROJECT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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